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Applicant: DROUIN, Jacques et al.
Title: NUR-RE A RESPONSE ELEMENT WHICH
BINDS NUR NUCLEAR RECEPTORS AND
METHOD OF USE THEREFOR

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In the case of the above-identified U.S.
application, Applicants respectfully request that the
following amendment be entered.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-21.

Please add the following new claims:

22. An isolated oligonucleotide sequence comprising a response
element that binds to a nuclear receptor of the Nur family of nuclear receptors,
said response element comprising nucleotide sequence $X_8 L_6 Y_8$, wherein:
- a) X_8 and Y_8 are two half site sequences of 8 nucleotides which are
configured as an everted repeat;
 - b) L_6 separates said half site sequences, with L being 6 nucleotides and
being independently selected from A,T,C, or G;
 - c) X_8 having nucleotide sequence $N_6 TT$, and Y_8 having nucleotide
sequence AAN_6 , wherein N is selected from A,T,C, or G, such that said sequence

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